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A NEED AT APPOMATTOX

It is the belief of this newspaper that two things are needed as to voting here in Appomattox.

The first is that the big Court House Precinct should be divided. A separate precinct should be set up for the voters of the incorporation of the Town of Appomattox. In Town Elections, it is often confusing as to eligibility. About half the voters of the Court House Precinct do note live in the town. A separate precinct for the Town only would expedite elections.

Secondly, we believe that a location on a ground floor should be found for voting here. Surely suitable places could be arranged. We can think of several. As it is, many of our citizens have to vote by mail, because, for reasons of age and/or health, they cannot climb the high steps leading up to the court room at the court house. From time to time, we have heard mention of the large number of mail ballots cast here. A fairly large number of these are made necessary by not being able to climb the steps to reach the present voting site.

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THE SOUTH IN 1960

One of the intriguing questions--as far as the Presidential picture in 1960 is concerned — is what the National Democratic Convention will do about Southern delegates. It is now obvious that delegates from at least six Southern states will not agree to be bound, unequivocably, to support the National Democratic nominees.

The states involved are South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas .Several of these states have just recently enacted legislation to allow their electors a choice in supporting Presidential candidates. The total electoral vote of the six states mentioned is fifty-seven. If other Southern states join them, and that is problematical at this stage, the total could increase. If all eleven Southern states join the movement, this would create a bloc of 128 electoral votes.

The real meaning behind this situation is that it is certain to cause a hectic battle at the beginning of the 1960 Democratic convention. Many Democrats will insist that delegates from these states not be seated unless they pledge their support to the nominees of the convention. This almost precipitated a split in the party at the 1956 convention.

Just how the issue will be settled, and what the exact outcome will be, is a good question. But one can accurately say, at this early date, that a hot fight is likely in the opening days of the Los Angeles convention, in August of next year.

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THE GROWING WEST

The presidential election of 1960 will be decided by the electoral votes based on the census of 1950. However, population shifts to the West, which have taken place in the past nine years and which are continuing, will change the geographical representation in the electoral college considerably.

The first election this will affect will be the 1964 presidential election, since electoral votes are figured on the basis of the total number of representatives and senators in the U. S. Congress, the changes in congressional representation — which occur each ten years as a result of the census — are reflected in presidential elections immediately following the ten year census.

An example of how this will work, concerning 1964, can be seen in the predicted gains and losses for the House of Representatives, as a result of the 1960 census. California, for example, will gain seven seats in the lower house, increasing its total to thirty-seven. This will move California's delegation to within three seats of the big New York delegation, which will be reduced from forty-three to forty.

Moreover, it is predicted that the 1970 census will establish the California delegation as the largest in the country. In addition to California, Arizona, in the West, gains one seat, Hawaii will get two, and Alaska will get one. No Western state will lose any seats in the House of Representatives.

In the East, however, New York will lose three seats, as mentioned, and Pennsylvania will also lose three. The Pennsylvania House delegation will drop from thirty to twenty-seven. Massachussetts will lose two, and Maine will lose one of its seats. No Eastern state will gain a seat in the House.

In the South and Border States, the net result will be the loss of one seat. While Florida will gain four seats and Texas two, a total gain of six. Arkansas will lose two seats, and Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia will lose two seats If one considers Texas a Western state, rather than a Southern state, then the gain for the West will be even more pronounced.

In the Mid-West, while Michigan is expected to gain two seats, for a total House delegation of twenty, Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota will lose one seat each, resulting in a let lo ss of one seat in the Mid-West.

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The ancient writers said some smart things, if you have ever taken the time to read what they wrote.

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The whiz who is always on the verge of making a million dollars never realizes that he has to make a thousand dollars first.

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People who hurry through life, meet death that much earlier.

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The critic who expects all of creation to fit his views, just happened to be born too late.

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Envy is the conclusive evidence of a little mind and you can give yourself a mental test.

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It never occurs to some people that other people have sense enough to manage their own affairs.

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Let's pull together for the improvement of Appomattox, and we'll be surprised at what can be accomplished.

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People who pay no attention to an individual, listen with attention when he speaks as secretary or president of the Society of Something

Washington Notes

Benefit Fund Data

Only 40,000 out of an expected 250,000 to 1,000,000 welfare and pension fund reports have been filed with the Government as required by a new law.

The law, enacted by Congress last year requires administrators of welfare-pension plans to file regular financial reports and descriptions of such plans with the Labor Department.

Pentagon Veto

Defense officials say that, barring a change of mind, the Polaris missile-launching submarine program will follow its planned schedule. The Navy is still urging a speed-up in the development.

Civilian Payrolls Drop

The latest successive monthly decrease in the number of civilian employees on the Government's payrolls has been reported.

Senator Byrd (D., Va.,) chairman of the Senate-House Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures, said the executive agencies reported they had 2,235,224 civilian workers in February, a net reduction of 2,596 as compared with January.

Army Acquisition

The Army is going to pitch its biggest tent next month — a super size structure supporting itself by air pressure and intended for use in inspecting and maintaining missiles.

Unlike other big tents, no poles or frames are used. Electric blowers maintain a constant pressure to keep the tent inflated. A system of air-lock doors prevents the pressure from escaping while equipment or people move in and out.

Money Policy Rapped

Leon H. Keyserling, who served as chief economic advisor to former President Truman, contends the Eisenhower Administration has an "obsession with the value of the dollar."

The Administration, according to Keyserling, is concentrating on the problem of inflation at the expense of more important national economic objectives.

Keating Proposal

Senator Keating (R., N. Y.) has proposed a constitutional amendment that would permit governors to appoint House members in case a nuclear attack or other disaster wiped out a third or more of the House membership.

At present governors may appoint a senator in the event of a vacancy, but House vacancies may be filled only by special elections.

U. S. Policy Abroad

A stinging indictment of the "failures" of the Eisenhower Administration's foreign policy has been issued by the Democratic Advisory Council.

The group called on Democrats controlling Congress to exercise leadership that would prod the Administration to take decisive measures in the face of what was described as declining United States power and disintegrating alliances.

Ike Signs Bill

President Eisenhower has signed a bill to tapee off the anti-recession program of Federal aid to the unemployed. The plan would have expired at midnight on April 1.

It is estimated that 403,000 long-term unemployed workers will collect $78,000,000 in benefits during the tapering-off period, between now and June 30.

Bombers to Pakistan

The United States is planning to begin delivering B-57 jet bombers to Pakistan late this year, the Pentagon says.

Th Defense Department says that the light bombers are being furnished under terms of a military agreement between the United States and Pakistan.

Great Snakes!

Paris, Texas.- A "herd" of king snakes is kept by Sam Parks here, to kill rats that prey on his 8,000 laying hens. Abundant in Texas, the snakes are considered harmless.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Which is heavier — snow, sleet or rain?

Snow is the lightest of the three kinds of precipitation. Sleet is next and is much heavier than snow. Rain is the heaviest of the three.

Some people do not realize that a foot or two of snow is not an unusually heavy fall. Snow is so light that a fraction of an inch of rain is often the equivalent to more than a foot of snow.

Sleet is the most damaging and most dangerous of the three types of precipitation, causing slippery highways, foliage damage, and adding excessive weight to wires, etc.

One can actually keep warm in snow, if he burrows down deep and takes advantage of its insulation—in very cold climates.

It's A Fact

All it takes to feather your nest these days is a little down. —Observer, Norfolk, Va.

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MORE INDIANS

Cincinnati.- There are Indians in the Cincinnati area and more than 200 years ago.

Dr. L. Mahoney, director of the Cincinnati office of the Indian Affairs, said there are 350 Indians in the area. The Indian population in 1750 consisted only of those persons living in wigwams or earth cabins at the mouth of the Little Miama river.

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Fall Corn Silage Short!

Editor's note: This is the first of three articles on forage cutting and feeding, a timely one for Virginia dairy farms.)

Corn silage should hold a place in the feeding of every dairyman who is adapted to its production, says A. Hardison, dairy man at VPI.

He points out that corn silage supplies about two-thirds of all feed to milk cows in the state. During the winter period feeding in May 1958, it accounted for 68% of the feed fed, compared with only 19 years ago.

This phenomenal increase in production of grass silage has been the decrease in the use of corn silage. In 1949 only one total silage fed was made from corn crops. Last year silage accounted for 19% of the total.

Costs of feeding corn silage are much higher than the cost of feeding a whole ration. Results from 1947 through 1957 show that all the silage fed in Virginia. Last year, however, this dropped to 75%. This Virginia was not accompanied by an increase in the use of grass but by an increase in the use of "other silage" such as mixtures.

Hardison says corn silage can be sold short. It is one of the economical sources of energy with recommended silage yield of 15 tons or more can be expected. Silage contains 18 to 20% digestible nutrients (TDN) — yield of about 3 tons of nutrients. Some of the sorghums give a higher dry matter than corn, but over half the sorghum plant is stalk, and the other half consists of the seed head and leaves. In the corn plant, over half the total weight of the plant is ears. This can make a big difference in the yield of TDN.

Hay-Crop silage will give about the same per acre yield of digestible protein as corn silage. However, the dry matter & TDN yields are considerable lower.

Corn silage gives high feeding value. Well-eared corn silage contains about 70% digestible nutrients on a dry matter basis. This approaches the TDN value of corn and cob meal, and compares with about 60% for high quality hay-crop silage.

In almost all cases where corn silage has been compared with grass silage for milk production, considerable amounts of grain have been fed. These comparisons have shown grass silage to be equal in feeding value to corn silage supposedly because the large amounts of grain fed prevented the grain in the corn silage from showing its effect.

Workers in Michigan have data which indicate that the failure of earlier workers to show a superiority of corn silage over grass silage was because of high grain feeding levels. Since in the Michigan work each 100 pounds of corn silage contained about 13.5 pounds of grain, the scientists concluded that allowance should be made for the grain and that good corn silage should not be considered a true forage but rather a mixture of forage and grain.

Corn silage as the only forage gives satisfactory growth in dairy heifers, and may also be used as the sole forage source for young calves, Dr. Hardison says. U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists have found that dairy animals can be successfully raised from birth through several lactations on a ration in which corn silage was the sole forage. Growth, production, and reproduction were normal in these animals.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Fat In Pullet Rations

Can Save on Feed Costs

A little added fat in pullet rations can save on feed costs, but too much may cause feather picking.

D. D. Bragg, poultry specialist at VPI, says tests conducted at the University of Wisconsin showed that pullets fed high energy rations grew more slowly than those on lower energy diets, and started laying about a week later. However, feed efficiency was quite a bit better with the higher energy ration, running 4.6 pounds of feed per pound of gain for ration energy levels of 1,200 calories. This compared to about 6.7 pounds of feed per pound of gain on the lower energy diets of 700 calories. Researchers believe that energy content around 1,000 calories per pound will give the best feed efficiency without feather picking.

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NEW CORN HYBRID RELEASED AT VPI

A promising new yellow corn hybrid, VPI 639, has been developed by the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at VPI and is being released for seed production.

Seed should be available for planting in 1960. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for demonstration plots of the new hybrid to be set out in certain counties, where farmers can observe the plantings.

VPI 639 is a close relative of and similar to VPI 648, which has been a popular variety in Virginia for several years. The new variety is somewhat lower-eared than VPI 648, and in 29 official tests has averaged 1.6 bushels higher in yield. It has the same maturity and slightly better grain quality, and seems to be less susceptible to lodging and breaking. The new hybrid also has "reasonable" resistance to blights and stalk rots. At the present time it is being recommended in counties east of the Blue Ridge.

General-Purpose Sprays

Aid To Home Gardner

Confused about what spray or dust to use to control the array of insects and diseases in your garden and yard?

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, says a general-purpose spray or dust mixture may be the answer to your problems. Such a combination spray or dust will control most of the common insects and leaf diseases affecting the home fruit and vegetable plantings and flower gardens.

If you are not sure just what to use, buy a combination dust or spray mixture that shows on the label ingredients such as zineb or maneb or captan for leafspot control, karathane or sulphur for mildew, DDT or methoxychlor for chewing insects, malathion for red spiders, and malathion or parathion for aphids. A good combination spray or dust should contain a mixture of zineb, captan, karathane, malathion and DDT; or maneb, karathane, malathion, and methoxychlor. If powdery mildew is not a problem, karathane may be left out.

It is not practical for commercial formulators to prepare a mixture of all of these materials because they deteriorate when mixed and allowed to stand for several months. It therefore is necessary to buy these materials separately at the beginning of the season. Remember that if the mixture stands for a month or two it will be a little weaker, and slightly more material must be used to give satisfactory control.

Electrification Conference Schedule In Richmond

Progress in the use of electricity on the farm and in the home will be discussed at the 20th annual Virginia Rural Electrification Conference in Richmond, May 4-6.

The Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council, of which H. W. Sanders, heads, VPI vocational education department, is chairman, will hold concurrent sessions. Expected to attend are educators, representatives of power and equipment companies, and other interested. Registration will begin Monday afternoon, May 4. A council business meeting also is planned for that day.

An address by W. I. Dolbeare, vice president, Virginia Electric & Power Company, Richmond, will open the Tuesday a. m., May 5 session. Another speaker that morning will be Earl Shirfet, executive secretary, Virginia Association of Electric Cooperative.

Discussions on various aspects of "climate control" will be heard Tuesday afternoon, with representatives of various power and supply companies as the speakers. Banquet speaker Tuesday evening will be Richard S. Gillis, Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday morning, two sections are planned. One will feature discussions on home laundry, the other will feature discussions on handling of materials. Tours and exhibits also are planned.

IN FASHION NOW

Clothes for the "lady in waiting" is being given more attention by designers today than ever before. This is due to the trend in America to larger families. The modern woman will not put up with several months of wearing unbecoming, ugly clothes.

Maternity dresses are being fashioned with all the care and thought that goes into creating any ball gown. The results are wonderful. Designers have learned that any trick to draw attention to the face of the mother-to-be is a great help. Flattering necklines and unusual sleeves are the order of the day.

Rich and eye-catching fabric is also employed. Skirts are made to hang as they should and at the same time are comfortable.

Maternity clothes for all occasions are offered. Play clothes are no exception. The maternity bathing suit is a wonder and enables one to enjoy swimming for several months longer than ever dreamed possible. Shorts, slacks, sunback dresses and sweaters are all designed for this special "occasion."

Because of the short time maternity clothes are worn, they are available at moderate prices, considering the extra amount of material necessary and the extra amount of cutting despite necessary. This is indeed a wonder of our age.

Foundation garments and bras that give gentle support are the order of the day. Almost all of the large foundation companies have their own line of maternity garments. It is wise to consult your doctor before buying a maternity garment. Even then, it should be fitted by someone trained in this line.

Herculean Effort

Santa Barbara, Calif.- A dozen years they've worked on it — off and on. Now it's finished, and the blooming thing is too big for the door. There it stands, 6 feet tall. As fine a dwarf elephant as anybody ever saw.

It was pieced together at a laboratory in the Museum of Natural History here from hundreds of delicate bones out of fourteen fossilized elephants, extinct these many centuries.

Ease it through the door to an exhibit hall? Impossible, says Dr. P. C. Orr, curator. It won't fit. The slightest pressure and it would shatter into dozens — maybe into scores—of fragments.

Life's A Gamble!

Miami.- Convicted of gambling with dice for the fourth time, Tommy Jackson stood before Judge Mitchell Goldman. Jackhad had a pair of dice with him.

"You want to roll for the time?" the Judge asked.

"No, sir," said Jackson.

"I'll roll for you," said the judge. He rattled the dice.

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